

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: "HIGH PERFORMANCE ACTIVE AND PASSIVE STRUCTURES BASED ON SILICON MATERIAL BONDED TO SILICON CARBIDE"

Commissioner for Patents

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## THIRD AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This responds to the Examiner's Office Action, mailed on October 24, 2006, for which a shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 24, 2007.